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1. 7-(3-Aminomethyl-4-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate.
2. 7-(3-Aminomethyl-4-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate. $n\text{H}_2\text{O}$, wherein n is in the range of from 1 to 4.
3. A compound according to claim 2 wherein n is 1.5.
4. A compound according to claim 2 having peaks at $2\theta = 8.0, 12.2$ and 14.7° in its X-ray diffraction pattern.
5. A compound according to claim 2 having an X-ray diffraction pattern substantially as shown in Figure 7.
6. A compound according to claim 2 wherein n is 3.
7. A compound according to claim 2 having peaks at $2\theta = 7.7$ and 11.8° in its X-ray diffraction pattern.
8. A compound according to claim 2 having an X-ray diffraction pattern substantially as shown in Figure 6.
9. A compound according to claim 2 which has a moisture content of from 4 to 6%.
10. A compound according to claim 2 which has a moisture content



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<p>(54) Title: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A NAPHTHYRIDINE CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVE (METHANESULFONATE SESQUIHYDRATE)</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">(I)</p>			
<p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>The present invention relates to an improved process for the production of the methanesulfonate sesquihydrate which comprises direct salt and hydrate formation. According to the invention there is provided a process for the production of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate which comprises reacting 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid of formula (I) having antibacterial activity and methanesulfonic acid in a solvent comprising at least one water miscible cosolvent and water, and isolating the resulting solid product.</p>			

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17.)*):

Description, pages:

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Claims, No.:

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Drawings, sheets:

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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages:
- the claims, Nos.:

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- the drawings, sheets:
5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):
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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims 1-10
	No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims
	No: Claims 1-10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-10
	No: Claims

**2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet**

VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

and / or

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
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SECTION V -----

1. Prior art

Documents (1) - (10), which were cited in the **International Search Report** and the **Written Opinion** are considered to represent relevant prior art in this **Preliminary Examination Report**; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure.

(1) EP-A-0 688 772

(2) WO-A-96/39 406

(3) WO-A-91/02526

(4) EP-A-0 805 156

(5) EP-A-0 058 614

(6) JP-A-3,056,479

(7) WO-A-97/36 874

(8) WO-A-97/07 098

(9) WO-A-98/42 705

(10) WO-A-99/61 420

2.Novelty

2.1 Documents (9) and (10) are only relevant for the purposes of **Rules 33.1 c, 64.3 and 70.10 PCT** (see also part VI, certain documents) and are thus not taken into account for the **Preliminary Examination Report**. If the priority date is not valid for the complete subject-matter, documents (9) and (10) may become relevant prior art in a possible regional / national phase.

2.2 The process of claim 1 refers to the production of a specific **naphthyridine carboxylic acid methane sulfonate sesquihydrate** by reacting the carboxylic acid with

methane-sulphonic acid and water together with a cosolvent. In citation (1) the synthesis of the **carboxylic acid** is described. On page 9, line 33-36, the preparation of the methane-sulphonic acid salt (acid addition salt) is suggested. Citations (2) - (6) describe the preparation of **methane sulfonate** and **sesquihydrates** of various **Naphthyridines** and **quinolones**. Citations (7) and (8) describe the preparation of **methane sulfonate** di- and tri-hydrates of structurally remote pharmaceutically active compounds. Since none of the cited prior art documents describes the preparation of the specific compound of the claimed process, the requirements of **Article 33 (2) PCT** are met for claim 1 and its dependant claims 2- 10.

3. Inventive step

3.1 For the assessment of inventive step (**Article 33 (3) PCT**) of the claimed subject-matter, a document has to be identified which represents the closest prior art for the claimed process. Starting from the document (1), the first technical problem underlying the application in suit (**Article 33 (3) PCT, Rule 5.1 (a) (iii) PCT**) can be considered to be the provision of a process for the production of the specific naphthyridine carboxylic acid methane sulfonate sesquihydrate of present claims 1-10. This problem is solved by reacting the carboxylic acid with methane sulphonic acid and water together with a cosolvent.

3.2 The reaction is in general known from (1) - (6). It is known from citation (2) that e.g. the methane sulfonate monohydrate of a **naphthyridine carboxylic acid** is formed by reacting the **carboxylic acid** with **methane sulphonic acid** in a mixture of a water and a cosolvent. Claim 1 is thus to be considered as a **process of analogy**. Accordingly, the skilled man would regard the choice of the specific **naphthyridine** compound according to the similar process in the prior art to be useful in order to yield the **methane sulfonate sesquihydrate**. All what is needed is a basic understanding of the principles of Organic chemistry.

3.3 **Analogous processes** yielding known products are only inventive if a surprising effect is made credible in comparison with the closest prior art e.g. if the yield of the process or the quality of the product were better. The notional skilled person was provided with a **clear** hint from the prior art pointing him in the direction of the claimed process, and it was only necessary to confirm experimentally that the highly probable result was in fact obtained. The necessity of experimental confirming a reasonably expected result (in the present case which specific hydrate was actually yielded by the respective analysis) does not render an invention unobvious. The features described

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above are merely ones of several possibilities from which the skilled person would select, in accordance with circumstances, without the exercise of inventive skill in order to solve the problem posed. The skilled man having knowledge of the teaching of documents (1) - (8) with a reasonable expectation of success would expect that the process as claimed in claim 1 would yield methane sulfonate hydrate having a basic understanding of elementary Organic Chemistry. No positive contribution to **inventive step** can be seen in solving this particular problem, because the skilled man would expect the claimed process to be suitable for his purpose i.e. without the exercise of inventive skill in order to solve the problem posed. The Applicant's attention is furthermore drawn to the fact that the Examining Division must satisfy itself that the problem is actually solved. Moreover, it is common practice that the modifying feature should not only characterize the invention in the claim, i.e. distinguish it from the prior art, but must contribute causally to the improvement of the capability thereby achieved. Given the claimed process to be expected to yield the product, an inventive step could only be recognized if the Applicant could demonstrate that the presently claimed process illustrates actually surprising effects in comparison with the closest prior art i.e. only if the solution of the problem underlying the present application is an process - a process which has unforeseeable advantages over the prior art, an inventive step in the sense of **Article 33 (3) PCT** could be recognized.

3.4 The Applicant in his letter dated 21.9.00 has argued that citation (1) does not refer to hydrated forms of the claimed quinoline carboxylic acids. It is respectfully submitted that formula (I) of claim 1 refers to any solvate of the compounds and it is common general knowledge that hydrates are specific solvates. Moreover, the argumentation that the fact that in the analogous processes of documents 7 and 8 dihydrates and trihydrates were produced would render the claimed process inventive is not convincing. As already outlined in the Written Opinion all what the skilled person has to do is to verify which hydrate is actually formed when the chemical process was performed and this is confirmed by the Applicant's statement. Also the reference to document (9), in ex. 3 of which **methane sulfonate sesquihydrate** is produced in a similar process, does not render the claimed process inventive. The statement that the product, the **methane sulfonate sesquihydrate** is novel and inventive is not substantiated. On the contrary, in test example 5 it is stated that the sesquihydrate has the same chemical stability as the anhydrate. Moreover, it is for consideration whether at least claim 1 of the application in suit is novel in a possible national phase. a proof for the improved solubility and constant moisture content appears to be missing.

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3.5 Finally, it is realized that the Applicant is entitled to claim all obvious modifications of what he has described and that alternative variations have to be supported by a certain number of examples. Furthermore, the extent of a "reasonable generalisation" only depends upon the question of the relative distance to the prior art compounds. It is stressed that only such variants of the processes can be claimed which are a solution to the above stated problem i.e. which illustrate the alleged unexpected effects.

4. Industrial applicability

No objection re industrial applicability of claims 1 - 10 arises insofar the claimed process would illustrate unexpected effects (Article 33 (4) PCT).

SECTION VII -----

1. Since the documents (2) - (8) and (10) were not identified in the description and the relevant background art disclosed therein was not be briefly discussed, the requirements of Rule 5.1 (a) (ii) PCT are not met..
2. Depending upon the actual technical problem which is solved by the application, to meet the requirements of Rule 6.3 (b) PCT the independent process claim 1 should be properly cast in the two part form, with those features which in combination are part of the prior art.

SECTION VIII-----

The Applicant is informed that the breadth of the claims has to be such that it comprises only variants which are able to solve the problem underlying the alleged invention being a prerequisite for the acknowledgement of inventive step (Article 33 (3) PCT).

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference AJB/P32147	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

**PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A NAPHTHYRIDINE CARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVE
(METHANESULFONATE SESQUIHYDRATE)**

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

as suggested by the applicant.

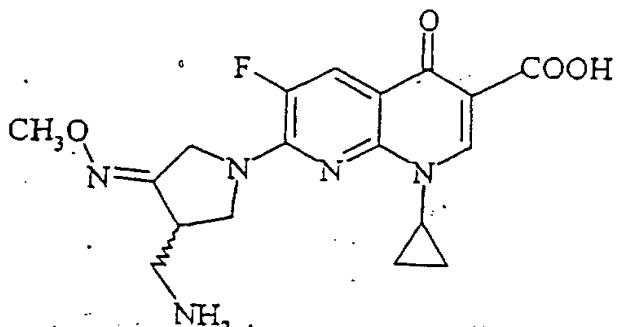
because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention relates to an improved process for the production of the methanesulfonate sesquihydrate which comprises direct salt and hydrate formation. According to the invention there is provided a process for the production of 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid methanesulfonate sesquihydrate which comprises reacting 7-(3-aminomethyl-4-syn-methoxyiminopyrrolidin-1-yl)-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-4-oxo-1,4-dihydro-1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid of formula I having antibacterial activity



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and methanesulfonic acid in a solvent comprising at least one water miscible cosolvent and water, and isolating the resulting solid product.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07D471/04

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C07D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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